



### Community News and Events



## *Holiday Greetings*

Dear Friends,

I hope you and your family are having a wonderful holiday season. As 2009 comes to a close, I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your representative in the California State Assembly, and to advocate for the issues that are important to us here in the 18th District.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that 2010 will be a more prosperous time for California - one of economic recovery, job creation, and improved access to education and health care. Again, thank you for your support, and I wish you all a safe and healthy holiday.

Sincerely,  
MARY HAYASHI  
ASSEMBLYMEMBER (D-18)

## Hayashi's Holiday Events Raise 520 Pounds of Food for the Alameda County Community Food Bank



Assemblymember Hayashi's two holiday events, *Jingle Tails at the Oakland Zoo* and *Tinsel Town Hall* featuring an advanced screening of *Alvin and the Chipmunks – The Squeakquel* in Hayward, raised 520 pounds of food that was donated to the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of nearly 1,000 East Bay residents, these two holiday events helped in the valiant fight to end hunger in Alameda County. According to the Alameda County Community Food Bank, the need for food donations has increased 70% compared to two years ago. In California, one in ten households is at risk for hunger or experiences hunger. This represents nearly 2 million children statewide.

Attendees of the two holiday events were treated to Oakland Zoo's LED light festival, *ZooLights*, and free admission to the first advanced screening in Northern California of the animated

comedy, *Alvin and the Chipmunks – The Squeakquel*. Most attendees donated canned tuna and jars of peanut butter due to their high protein content and long shelf life.



“The act of sharing is what this holiday season is all about,” stated Hayashi. “Although we highlight the food bank during this time of year, we must work year round to end hunger. My office plans to coordinate with the United States Postal Service and the National Letter Carriers for a spring food drive and help inform the community about the summer lunch program available for all school children. Even with a downturn in the economy, a child in Alameda County should never go to bed hungry.”

Food donations are still needed and can be dropped off at the Alameda County Community Food Bank located at 7900 Edgewater Drive in Oakland or at any neighborhood Safeway, Lucky's or FoodMaxx grocery store throughout Alameda County. Red barrels have been placed in each of the locations to collect non-perishable food items.



## Japanese Americans Interned During World War II Receive Honorary Degrees



Assemblymember Hayashi co-authored Assemblymember Warren Furutani's bill, AB 37, which created the California Nisei College Diploma Project. It requires California's colleges and universities to move with due speed to grant degrees to Japanese Americans, living or deceased, who were unjustly deprived of their education during World War II. It is estimated that more than 2,500 American students of Japanese ancestry were forced out of colleges and held in internment camps in the early 1940s.

Assemblymember Hayashi's late father-in-law, George Hayashi, was one such individual who was denied a chance to complete his college degree, whose life was irreparably disrupted by Executive Order 9066. A second generation American, he was attending the University of Washington when he was forcibly removed from his home and incarcerated along with 120,000 other Japanese Americans in camps across the United States.

Like many of these Japanese Americans, George Hayashi pushed on with courage and determination after the war to re-establish his life, carving out a successful career and raising a loving family. He served as a civil engineer with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for over 40 years.

During the winter graduation ceremonies this month, the University of California, Berkeley and the University of California, San Francisco provided honorary degrees to its former students, many of whom are in their late 80s and 90s.

The California Nisei College Diploma Project seeks to identify Japanese Americans, or family representatives, who are eligible to benefit from AB 37. If you know someone who may be eligible to receive an honorary degree, or to find out if any efforts have begun in your region, contact the project coordinator, Aya Ino, at (415) 567-5505 or [caniseiproject@jccnc.org](mailto:caniseiproject@jccnc.org).

## California Congress of Seniors Ranks Assemblymember Hayashi at the Very Top



The California Congress of Seniors (CCS), representing 4.5 million seniors statewide, honored Assemblymember Hayashi with its highest ranking for voting 100% of the time in the interest of seniors.

The ranking was based on legislation covering health insurance reforms, nursing home care, the training of homecare workers, affordable housing, and consumer protections.

To learn more about those bills and CCS' rankings, go to [www.seniors.org](http://www.seniors.org).



## Hayashi Receives 100% Voting Record Ranking From CARA



The California Alliance for Retired Americans (CARA), in its latest legislative scorecard, ranked Assemblymember Hayashi's voting record at 100%. CARA represents more than 850,000 members who are seniors, retirees, and persons with disabilities.

Hayashi's 100% ranking was based on her votes on important legislation dealing with health care reform, economic security, affordable housing protection, long-term care, and legal protections for seniors.

For more information, go to [www.californiaalliance.org](http://www.californiaalliance.org)

## Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California Honors Hayashi for Supporting Reproductive Rights of Women



In November, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California (PPAC) honored Assemblymember Mary Hayashi with an award for her commitment to family planning services. The award recognized her leadership and her dedication to ensuring that Californians have access to reproductive health care, especially throughout these challenging economic times.

PPAC works to improve the health and well-being of families and communities. The organization represents nine Planned Parenthood affiliates throughout California on statewide governmental issues, promoting education, counseling, and clinical services in the fields of reproductive health care and family planning. Also receiving this year's awards were State Controller John Chiang and Speaker Karen Bass.

## Hayashi Gives Keynote Address on Health Care Reform in Silicon Valley



Having successfully authored two health care reform bills in the legislature this year, Assemblymember Hayashi was invited to present a keynote address in mid-November at the annual *Go Well – Health Care Summit* hosted by the Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Assemblymember Hayashi spoke about health care reform in California and her groundbreaking legislation AB 108. Signed by the governor, AB 108, gives Californians the security of knowing that when they need their health insurance most, it will be there for them. AB 108 prohibits a health plan or insurer from rescinding, canceling, limiting the provisions of, or selectively raising the premiums of an individual policy after 24 months.

Assemblymember Hayashi also presented her efforts to bring about parity between physical and mental health care. Her bill, AB 235, passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, requires HMOs and other health insurers to cover emergency

mental health care and services including admission to a psychiatric unit at a general acute hospital or an acute psychiatric hospital. Often times, a patient suffering from a physical wound due to a mental emergency will be treated for the physical condition and released. AB 235 will require the underlying mental health condition that caused the physical harm to be treated as well.

## **Castro Valley Library Opens to Much Fanfare**



Hundreds of residents attended the grand opening of the Castro Valley Library where children, parents, teachers and dignitaries joined together for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Assemblymember Hayashi presented a resolution honoring the community's efforts to build a new "Green" facility that will hold more than three times its original audio visual collection, five times as many public computers, an expanded international language collection, wireless internet access, and a multipurpose education center and community meeting room. Funds to build the new library

came from a \$13.9 million State Bond and \$8.3 million in public support.



In addition, Hayashi was a featured guest writer of the latest *Caltactics* newsletter where she conveys why she supports libraries. She writes:

"Public libraries are a central part of communities all across the country. They are a reflection of the community – its needs and interests, its past and its future. They go far beyond the basic service of providing patrons with books to read. Libraries today help us to find jobs and improve our computer skills. They link different parts of the community, from schools and nursing homes, to nonprofit organizations and business associations. Libraries teach our children responsibility, promote volunteerism, and engender a sense of civic pride..." To read more, go to [http://caltac.org/included/docs/caltactics\\_2009\\_4q.pdf](http://caltac.org/included/docs/caltactics_2009_4q.pdf)

## **Hayward Area Park and Recreation Districts Receives \$166,946 Grant from the State**



In early December, the State Water Resources Control Board approved a \$166,946 grant for the Hayward Area Park and Recreation District (HARD) to help clean up contamination from previously leaking petroleum underground storage tanks at the old Holland Oil site located on East 14<sup>th</sup> Street in San Leandro.

Once cleaned-up and transformed, the land will be used for a new 30,000 square foot Ashland Youth Center and Jack Holland, Sr. Park. The park will feature a skate park, soccer field and track. The youth center will provide a new gym for indoor sports, computers to reduce the digital divide, and space for meetings and classrooms.

Congratulations!

## Former Hayward City Councilmember Doris Rodriguez Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award



Assemblymember Hayashi and Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney honored former City Councilmember Doris Rodriguez at the Hayward Volunteer Recognition & Awards Dinner. The 2009 Awards Selection Panel bestowed the coveted *Lifetime Achievement Award* upon her for an exemplary record of civic leadership and personal commitment for the betterment of the Hayward community.

The Honorable Rodriguez has given generously of her time and support to a variety of community organizations, provided her wise counsel as a member of Hayward's Planning Commission and Citizens Advisory Commission, and served on the Hayward City Council for 15 years. She has also provided guidance and leadership as a volunteer with Southgate Elementary School PTA, Southgate Area Homeowners Association, South Hayward Neighborhood Collaborative, St. Rose Hospital Foundation, and Hayward Arts Council, as well as the Chabot College Foundation and Hayward Volunteer Dinner Committee.

Doris has been a role model for all people who believe strongly in their obligation to improve the quality of life for future generations. She continues that role today. Congratulations!

## Lights On AfterSchool! Program Celebrates 10 Year Milestone



Lorin Eden Elementary in Hayward joined in a national celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *Lights On AfterSchool!* Program dedicated to providing innovative afterschool programs and activities for Hayward's youth.

As part of *Lights On AfterSchool!*, the Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) of Hayward has been fulfilling its mission of serving the needs of children and parents for more than 14 years by providing afterschool programs that allow a child to participate and learn arts, music, and sports, and receive help with his/her homework. For parents, the program provides a sense of security knowing that each child is supervised and learning in a safe environment once the school day has ended and until a parent can return home from work.

Assemblymember Hayashi honored *Lights On AfterSchool!*'s staff, students, parents and volunteers with a resolution commending them for their dedication and commitment towards a brighter future for all California's children.

## **State Public Works Board Meeting and Agenda**



Appointed by Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi is a member of the State Public Works Board (SPWB) as a legislative advisor. The State Public Works Board was created by the Legislature to oversee the fiscal matters associated with construction of projects for state agencies, and to select and acquire real property for state facilities and programs. The SPWB is also the issuer of lease-revenue bonds, which is a form of long term

financing that is used to pay for capital projects.

The Legislature appropriates funds for capital outlay projects such as acquiring land, planning and constructing new buildings, expanding or modifying existing buildings, and/or purchasing equipment related to such construction. Through review and approval processes, the SPWB ensures that capital outlay projects adhere to the Legislature's appropriation intentions.

### **Next Board Meeting**

Monday, January 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.  
State Capitol, Room 113

**[MEETING NOTICE CLICK HERE](#)**

Online Link: <http://www.spwb.ca.gov>

## Assemblymember Hayashi's Previous Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Alliance for Retired Americans	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

Assemblymember Hayashi's Biography ([Click Here](#))

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## Resources Available

### New Publication Available

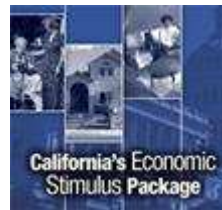


H1N1 (Swine) Flu

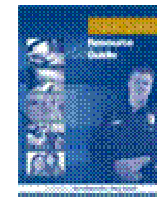
### Publications Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



California's Economic Stimulus Package



Public Safety Resource Guide



Child Immunization Law



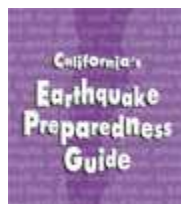
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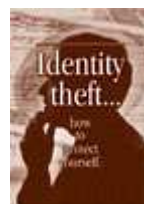
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available online or in print through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

## State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web surfers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

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